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In re Application of:  
Fernandez et al.  
Application No. 09/823,506  
Filed: March 28, 2001  
For: INTEGRATED NETWORK FOR  
MONITORING REMOTE OBJECTS

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

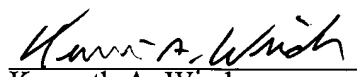
This is a decision on the supplement to petition to make special under MPEP § 708.02, XII: Special Status for Applications Relating to Biotechnology Filed by Applicants who are Small Entities, filed June 5, 2003.

A grantable petition to make an application special under MPEP § 708.02, XII, for an invention directed to biotechnology, must include the petition fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(h), and must state the following:

- (A) that small entity status has been established or include a statement establishing small entity status;
- (B) that the subject of the patent application is a major asset of the small entity; and
- (C) that the development of the technology will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed, including an explanation of the basis for making the statement.

The above statements have been made by the petitioner. The Petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire course of prosecution in the Patent and Trademark Office, including appeal, if any to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the Applicant. The application file will be forwarded to the Examiner for expedited prosecution.

  
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